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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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February 4, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all of the claims presently in the application and substitute new claims 12-14 as follows:

--12. Control system for an automatic transmission with torque converter comprising:

first input torque estimating unit for estimating an input-torque of said automatic transmission using an engine torque characteristic;